

V. REMARKS

The specification is objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(d) because the Office Action asserts that the terms "two fixed contacts" and "two first movable contacts" recited in claim 9 have not been adequately described in the specification. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended as shown above to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement. As mentioned above, claims 9 and 10 have been amended also for the purpose of obviating this rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 -5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Zech et al. (2001/0005645). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Zech discloses a socket connector that mates with a plug connector to establish an electrical plug connector assembly. The socket connector includes a housing, a U-shaped first contact part and a second contact part. The housing includes a socket receiving aperture formed by a housing wall. The U-shaped first contact part is mounted within the housing and includes first and second walls that are generally parallel to each other. The second contact part is mounted within the housing to contact the first movable contact part in order provide an electrical connection between the first and second contact parts. When the plug connector is inserted into the socket receiving aperture, the first wall flexes radially with respect to the second wall breaking the electrical connection between the U-shaped contact part and the second contact part.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a coaxial connector with a switch that includes a housing for defining a terminal accommodation chamber opened through a plug pin insertion hole extending along a plug insertion hole axis, a fixed terminal and a switch terminal with both terminal being held by the housing. Claim 1 recites that the switch terminal includes a U-shaped section opened toward and facing the plug pin insertion hole in the terminal accommodation chamber with the plug insertion hole axis extending through the U-shaped section and with the U-shaped section being elastically deformable in a direction

crossing the direction of plug pin insertion.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection is improper because the applied art fails to teach each element of claim 1 as amended. Specifically, it is respectfully submitted that the applied art fails to teach a switch terminal that includes a U-shaped section opened toward and facing a plug pin insertion hole in a terminal accommodation chamber with a plug insertion hole axis extending through the U-shaped section. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the applied art.

Claims 2-5 and 8 depend from claim 1 and include all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Zech in view of Okamoto (2002/0160641). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Okamoto teaches a socket for an electrical part adapted to be electrically connected to a terminal of an electrical part. The socket includes a socket body, upper and lower contact pins and an operation member. The upper and lower contact pins are mounted so as to be contacted to and separated from the terminal of the electrical part. The upper contact pin is formed with an upper elastic piece having an upper contact portion contacting an upper surface of the terminal and the lower contact pin is formed with a lower elastic piece having a lower contact portion contacting a lower surface of the terminal. The operation member is reciprocally movable with respect to the socket body. When the operation member is reciprocally moved, the upper contact portion is contacted to and separated from the upper surface of the terminal.

Claims 6 and 7 depend from claim 1 and include all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

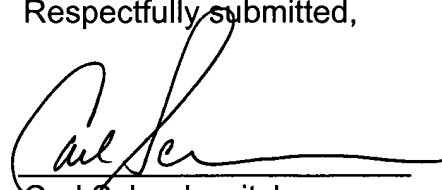
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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